

TEXAS

Labor Market Reviews

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION

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AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

ADVANCE NOTED IN TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

Statewide employment made a moderate rebound from mid-September to mid-October as it rose by 0.6 percent. Translated into actual numbers, employment rose by 41,800 workers over the month. It was the largest over-the-month gain in seven months. Total employment for October, however, was still below the year-ago level by over 48,000 workers. The moderate upturn may be a sign that better times are near, but a cautious approach is warranted. Generally the beginning of the holiday season brings increases in employment levels and unemployment levels as seasonal jobseekers enter the job market. Some doubt exists this year as to the amount of increased employment that the Christmas shopping will bring. Historically, November unemployment rates are somewhat higher than October's rates because of the influx of seasonal job hunters that inflate both the employment and unemployment levels.

The unemployment level in Texas remained above half a million for the fifth consecutive month. The actual number of unemployed did decrease by 5.5 percent, however, which is a rather sizeable monthly decrease. The State's actual unemployment rate dropped from 8.0 percent in September to 7.6 percent at mid-October. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Texas was 8.3 percent for October, down only slightly from last month's rate of 8.4 percent. The actual rate for the United States in October was 9.9 percent and the seasonally adjusted rate was 10.4 percent.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES

It was a rough month for nonagricultural wage and salary employment as nearly every major industrial category sustained job losses. Only the government sector managed to post an advance over the month. Most of the gain in government was attributed to hiring by State and Local educational institutions.

Wage and salary employment in October was well below the levels of a year ago. Manufacturing was responsible for the decline in wage and salary employment over the year.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (In Thousands)			
	Oct. 1982	Sep. 1982	Oct. 1981
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	110,767.0	110,546.0	109,244.0
Unemployment	10,942.0	10,695.0	8,216.0
Percent Unemployed	9.9	9.7	7.5
Total Employment	99,825.0	99,851.0	101,028.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	110,644.0	110,980.0	109,012.0
Unemployment	11,551.0	11,260.0	8,669.0
Percent Unemployed	10.4	10.1	8.0
Total Employment	99,093.0	99,720.0	100,343.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,320.7	7,311.4	7,146.7
Unemployment	554.9	587.4	332.4
Percent Unemployed	7.6	8.0	4.7
Total Employment	6,765.8	6,724.0	6,814.3
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,321.0	7,314.0	7,133.0
Unemployment	611.0	611.0	374.0
Percent Unemployed	8.3	8.4	5.2
Total Employment	6,710.0	6,703.0	6,759.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT-1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Oct. '82*	Sep. '82**	Oct. '81**	Oct. '82*	Sep. '82**	Oct. '81**	Oct. '82*	Sep. '82**	Oct. '81**
Industry	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	58,900	58,800	60,400	81,700	80,300	77,600	258,750	257,850	262,450
Manufacturing	6,300	6,300	6,650	9,950	9,950	10,050	33,150	33,250	33,250
Mining	5,400	5,400	5,200	2,850	2,900	2,650	800	850	800
Construction	3,100	3,150	3,200	4,900	5,150	4,850	12,700	12,600	13,950
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,150	3,200	7,000	7,050	7,000	7,700	7,850	8,000
Trade	15,450	15,350	16,650	25,700	24,550	22,850	54,900	55,250	57,550
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,950	2,900	2,900	4,200	4,150	4,000	16,400	16,250	15,600
Services & Misc.	13,100	13,150	13,350	14,400	14,350	13,550	51,600	51,600	49,950
Government	9,400	9,400	9,250	12,700	12,200	12,650	81,500	80,200	83,350
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	144,550	145,550	157,650	58,800	60,450	64,700	42,600	42,600	42,350
Manufacturing	36,350	36,950	43,150	9,200	9,350	11,650	2,950	3,050	3,200
Mining	2,150	2,200	2,350	100	150	150	1,150	1,150	1,250
Construction	12,250	12,250	15,300	3,600	3,850	4,250	2,750	2,850	2,750
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,500	11,400	11,600	3,000	3,050	3,300	1,900	1,850	1,750
Trade	32,350	32,500	34,150	16,800	17,650	18,700	7,700	7,900	8,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,700	5,650	5,650	3,000	3,050	2,950	1,650	1,650	1,500
Services & Misc.	24,850	24,900	25,800	9,550	9,850	9,600	5,900	5,900	5,700
Government	19,400	19,700	19,650	13,550	13,500	14,100	18,600	18,250	17,900
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH ²			EL PASO		
TOTAL	130,850	131,100	133,900	1,555.7	1,554.4	1,530.9	160,350	160,450	169,250
Manufacturing	15,650	15,700	16,950	310.9	311.9	331.2	33,450	33,650	39,200
Mining	7,650	7,700	8,200	33.0	33.4	31.0	--	--	--
Construction	14,300	14,650	15,100	82.6	83.6	78.9	8,150	8,250	8,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,000	7,000	7,200	96.4	96.4	99.4	10,450	10,550	10,400
Trade	29,750	29,900	31,800	422.1	420.7	405.1	37,150	37,650	39,750
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,000	6,050	5,850	120.1	120.5	116.3	7,850	7,900	7,800
Services & Misc.	23,200	23,050	21,950	307.2	306.0	285.7	25,850	25,650	26,900
Government	27,300	27,050	26,850	183.4	181.9	183.3	37,450	36,800	36,700
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON ²			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	70,400	70,900	71,550	1,532.8	1,533.2	1,582.9	60,250	59,950	58,850
Manufacturing	11,600	11,750	12,150	241.3	243.9	266.2	7,650	7,650	8,250
Mining	800	800	850	93.3	93.2	103.3	--	--	--
Construction	4,350	4,350	5,250	140.9	140.0	151.9	3,750	3,650	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,600	6,700	6,700	106.1	106.4	109.1	3,450	3,400	3,350
Trade	13,250	13,250	13,800	371.1	371.0	382.2	12,850	12,900	13,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,650	4,650	4,600	97.7	98.1	93.3	2,150	2,150	2,200
Services & Misc.	10,050	10,000	10,400	308.4	309.5	307.6	11,350	11,300	10,650
Government	19,100	19,400	17,800	174.0	171.1	169.3	19,050	18,900	18,000

² In thousands.

Over 100,000 jobs have been lost from the State's manufacturing industries in the past year. These losses have been centered in the durable goods sector primarily, but the nondurable goods industries have suffered also.

Durable goods industries sustaining the greatest losses have been nonelectrical machinery, fabricated metal products, primary metal industries, transportation equipment, and electric and electronic equipment. These five industries are responsible for over 80 percent of the decline in manufacturing over the year and over 70 percent of the latest monthly decline.

The heaviest losses continued to occur in the oil field machinery segment of nonelectrical machinery. Decreases in transportation were centered in the ship and boat building and repair segment. Primary metals actually avoided a large decline as it recorded a relatively small drop of 200 jobs from September to October. Primary metals had previously lost about 7,000 jobs from June to September.

Nondurable goods suffered a series of moderate declines over the month which left the sector's employment down considerably. Losses were most substantial in the other

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	Oct. '82*	Sep. '82**	Oct. '81**	Oct. '82*	Sep. '82**	Oct. '81**	Oct. '82*	Sep. '82**	Oct. '81**
Industry	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	29,650	30,250	35,000	64,550	65,200	69,150	91,150	90,400	90,550
Manufacturing	1,800	1,750	2,250	16,250	16,550	19,150	11,000	11,100	12,100
Mining	1,300	1,300	1,550	4,450	4,500	4,900	400	400	400
Construction	1,150	1,300	1,450	4,000	4,100	4,300	4,950	4,950	3,950
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,950	3,100	3,950	3,600	3,600	3,850	4,850	4,800	4,900
Trade	8,800	9,150	12,200	14,950	15,000	15,550	28,150	27,800	27,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,300	2,600	2,600	2,450	5,150	5,150	4,900
Services & Misc.	4,950	4,950	4,850	10,750	10,950	10,800	16,250	16,150	17,150
Government	7,300	7,300	7,450	7,950	7,900	8,150	20,400	20,050	19,750
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	71,450	71,000	76,400	50,050	50,600	51,250	53,300	54,650	59,800
Manufacturing	8,000	8,000	10,250	3,950	3,950	5,000	7,100	7,300	9,150
Mining	1,450	1,500	1,750	13,450	13,600	13,650	7,450	7,550	9,600
Construction	5,150	4,900	5,300	3,900	3,850	3,450	5,200	5,700	4,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,750	2,750	2,700	2,950	2,950	2,850	2,550	2,600	2,800
Trade	21,050	21,250	24,250	10,600	10,800	11,350	14,500	14,950	17,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,050	3,000	2,700	3,250	3,250	2,750	2,150	2,150	1,900
Services & Misc.	9,100	9,150	9,450	7,600	7,750	7,650	7,600	7,700	8,100
Government	20,900	20,450	20,000	4,350	4,450	4,550	6,750	6,700	6,450
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	36,600	37,050	37,350	412,400	411,400	412,900	35,200	35,800	36,950
Manufacturing	5,550	5,850	6,200	48,500	48,700	52,400	11,600	11,800	12,750
Mining	500	600	850	3,400	3,500	3,300	350	350	350
Construction	2,150	2,200	2,200	27,400	27,500	26,800	1,250	1,250	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,850	3,850	3,750	18,800	18,800	19,300	2,500	2,550	2,500
Trade	9,100	9,200	9,200	102,900	103,700	103,400	7,250	7,250	7,350
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,550	1,550	1,550	28,300	28,200	27,300	1,250	1,250	1,250
Services & Misc.	7,650	7,650	7,100	86,500	85,900	85,300	6,150	6,250	6,300
Government	6,250	6,150	6,500	96,600	95,100	95,100	4,850	5,100	5,050
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
TOTAL	45,050	44,500	44,350	53,150	53,300	56,850	70,250	69,000	72,450
Manufacturing	8,550	8,500	8,500	11,350	11,250	13,350	15,300	14,500	16,650
Mining	150	100	150	3,050	3,100	3,850	--	--	--
Construction	1,950	1,900	1,850	2,650	2,700	2,650	2,850	2,950	3,050
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,550	2,550	2,700	3,500	3,500	3,450
Trade	10,600	10,550	10,450	12,750	12,850	13,700	17,100	16,950	17,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,550	1,550	2,800	2,800	2,750	4,150	4,150	4,300
Services & Misc.	7,200	7,200	7,300	10,750	10,800	10,550	15,600	15,500	15,950
Government	12,700	12,400	12,250	7,250	7,250	7,300	11,750	11,450	11,350
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	52,950	53,050	55,750						
Manufacturing	9,200	9,400	11,200						
Mining	3,450	3,450	3,950						
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,500						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,250	3,300	2,850						
Trade	12,350	12,200	13,150						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,450	2,450	2,350						
Services & Misc.	9,400	9,250	8,750						
Government	10,750	10,900	11,000						

^{1/} Estimates for Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, and San Antonio prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Dept. of Labor. Estimates for all other areas prepared by TEC under guidelines furnished by the U. S. Dept. of Labor.

* Preliminary -- subject to revision.

** Revised.

nondurable goods category, which was hit by layoffs, and in the petroleum refining segment of petroleum and coal products. Petroleum refining was not the only oil-related industry to lose employment. The oil and gas extraction portion of mining decreased by 4,600 jobs and has lost 17,800 positions since October 1981.

Employment in construction dropped over the month with downturns in general building construction, highway construction, and in many of the special trade construction categories. Increases were noted in non-highway heavy construction and in the masonry segment of special trade construction. Lower interest rates appeared to be stimulating demand for residential construction once again.

Transportation, except railroads, was responsible for the drop recorded in transporta-

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES[†]

INDUSTRY	Change From				
	Oct. 1982*	Sep. 1982**	Oct. 1981**	Sep. 1982	Oct. 1981
†TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,196,300	6,211,000	6,244,700	- 14,700	- 48,400
Manufacturing	1,011,400	1,025,200	1,118,100	- 13,800	-106,700
Durable Goods	583,500	595,100	676,100	- 11,600	- 92,600
Lumber & Wood Products	36,000	36,400	35,900	- 400	100
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,200	7,300	8,100	- 100	- 900
Furniture & Fixtures	14,900	15,500	17,400	- 600	- 2,500
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	45,300	45,300	45,600	0	- 300
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	20,400	20,400	19,600	0	800
Primary Metal Industries	39,500	39,700	51,600	- 200	- 12,100
Fabricated Metal Industries	90,200	92,800	103,600	- 2,600	- 13,400
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	48,500	49,300	56,000	- 800	- 7,500
Machinery, Except Electrical	155,200	160,000	200,500	- 4,800	- 45,300
Oil Field Machinery	54,000	57,300	84,400	- 3,300	- 30,400
Electric & Electronic Equipment	93,700	95,300	100,200	- 1,600	- 6,500
Transportation Equipment	71,000	72,000	82,200	- 1,000	- 11,200
Aircraft & Parts	36,200	36,300	39,100	- 100	- 2,900
Instruments & Related Products	24,700	25,400	25,400	- 700	- 700
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,000	12,700	13,700	300	- 700
Nondurable Goods	427,900	430,100	442,000	- 2,200	- 14,100
Food & Kindred Products	98,500	99,000	98,700	- 500	- 200
Meat Products	26,000	26,400	26,600	- 400	- 600
Dairy Products	4,900	4,900	4,800	0	100
Bakery Products	11,900	12,000	11,400	- 100	500
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,200	3,200	- 100	- 100
Textile Mill Products	5,300	5,300	5,500	0	- 200
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	68,100	68,100	72,900	0	- 4,800
Paper & Allied Products	22,600	22,600	23,300	0	- 700
Printing & Publishing	65,800	66,200	66,100	- 400	- 300
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	34,100	34,400	33,700	- 300	400
Chemicals & Allied Products	83,000	83,200	83,900	- 200	- 900
Petroleum & Coal Products	45,000	45,500	46,600	- 500	- 1,600
Petroleum Refining	42,100	42,600	43,500	- 500	- 1,400
Leather & Leather Products	8,900	8,900	10,700	0	- 1,800
Other Nondurable Goods	30,700	31,300	34,300	- 600	- 3,600
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,184,900	5,185,800	5,126,600	- 900	58,300
Mining	282,500	287,400	301,200	- 4,900	- 18,700
Oil & Gas Extraction	273,000	277,600	290,800	- 4,600	- 17,800
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnr'ls., Exc. Fuel	9,500	9,800	10,400	- 300	- 900
Construction	438,800	440,300	436,300	- 1,500	2,500
Transportation & Public Utilities	383,300	383,900	391,100	- 600	- 7,800
Railroad Transportation	26,300	26,300	29,600	0	- 3,300
Transportation, Except Railroads	181,700	182,500	195,600	- 800	- 13,900
Transportation by Air	37,200	37,400	39,400	- 200	- 2,200
Communication, Exc. U.S. Postal Service	94,000	94,000	90,600	0	3,400
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	81,300	81,100	75,300	200	6,000
Electric Services	43,900	43,600	40,700	300	3,200
Gas Production & Distribution	32,900	32,900	30,100	0	2,800
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,572,000	1,572,800	1,542,000	- 800	30,000
Wholesale Trade	444,100	445,300	449,100	- 1,200	- 5,000
Retail Trade	1,127,900	1,127,500	1,092,900	400	35,000
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	44,000	43,500	43,400	500	600
General Merchandise Stores	147,200	147,700	154,700	- 500	- 7,500
Food Stores	203,500	203,600	193,500	- 100	10,000
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	131,700	132,600	127,200	- 900	4,500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	83,100	83,900	83,100	- 800	0
Other Retail Trade	518,400	516,200	491,000	2,200	27,400
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	358,200	359,000	349,300	- 800	8,900
Banking	95,900	96,100	93,100	- 200	2,800
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	112,200	112,000	114,900	200	- 2,700
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	150,100	150,900	141,300	- 800	8,800
Services	1,137,900	1,137,200	1,106,600	700	31,300
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	63,300	63,500	65,700	- 200	- 2,400
Personal Services	70,000	69,200	67,500	800	2,500
Business & Repair Services	301,700	303,200	303,300	- 1,500	- 1,600
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	41,700	42,800	42,600	- 1,100	- 900
Health Services	328,900	329,400	313,500	- 500	15,400
Educational Services	64,500	62,300	57,200	2,200	7,300
Other Services & Miscellaneous	267,800	266,800	256,800	1,000	11,000
Total Government	1,012,200	1,005,200	1,000,100	7,000	12,100
Total Federal Government	168,800	168,200	165,800	600	3,000
Total State Government	222,600	218,200	215,500	4,400	7,100
Total Local Government	620,800	618,800	618,800	2,000	2,000

[†] Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. [‡] Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor. *Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES^{1/}
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	Oct. '82*	Sep. '82**	Oct. '81**	Oct. '82*	Sep. '82**	Oct. '81**	Oct. '82*	Sep. '82**	Oct. '81**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,050	76,050	76,700	100,850	98,450	93,550	288,850	286,500	288,900
Total Unemployment	3,450	4,000	2,750	5,000	4,850	3,600	11,650	11,800	9,850
Percent Unemployed	4.5	5.3	3.6	5.0	4.9	3.8	4.0	4.1	3.4
Total Employment ^{2/}	72,600	72,050	73,950	95,850	93,600	89,950	277,200	274,700	279,050
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	178,850	180,100	179,900	83,850	86,000	85,050	50,200	50,550	50,300
Total Unemployment	21,700	22,950	9,800	12,450	13,550	7,750	2,600	2,950	2,950
Percent Unemployed	12.1	12.7	5.4	14.8	15.8	9.0	5.2	5.8	5.9
Total Employment ^{2/}	157,150	157,150	170,100	71,400	72,450	78,300	47,600	47,600	47,350
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH ^{3/}			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	161,250	161,200	156,200	1,742.5	1,739.5	1,677.2	188,450	188,400	186,650
Total Unemployment	12,650	13,400	7,950	102.0	111.0	71.3	22,650	23,850	13,600
Percent Unemployed	7.8	8.3	5.1	5.9	6.4	4.3	12.0	12.7	7.3
Total Employment ^{2/}	148,600	147,800	148,250	1,640.5	1,628.5	1,605.9	165,800	164,550	173,050
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON ^{3/}			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	91,700	92,250	87,550	1,733.2	1,726.8	1,705.2	70,250	69,850	67,750
Total Unemployment	10,400	10,900	5,000	138.4	143.0	68.6	3,750	3,950	3,150
Percent Unemployed	11.3	11.8	5.7	8.0	8.3	4.0	5.3	5.7	4.6
Total Employment ^{2/}	81,300	81,350	82,550	1,594.8	1,583.8	1,636.6	66,500	65,900	64,600
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	39,100	39,700	37,950	76,050	76,450	74,700	108,750	108,500	106,200
Total Unemployment	9,200	9,250	3,300	9,150	9,300	3,750	5,550	6,400	4,350
Percent Unemployed	23.5	23.3	8.7	12.0	12.2	5.0	5.1	5.9	4.1
Total Employment ^{2/}	29,900	30,450	34,650	66,900	67,150	70,950	103,200	102,100	101,850
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	106,000	103,950	102,050	61,400	61,600	63,000	67,500	69,400	73,600
Total Unemployment	21,000	21,900	12,550	2,850	2,850	3,800	4,350	5,050	2,900
Percent Unemployed	19.8	21.1	12.3	4.6	4.6	6.0	6.4	7.3	3.9
Total Employment ^{2/}	85,000	82,050	89,500	58,550	58,750	59,200	63,150	64,350	70,700
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	47,650	48,500	47,300	470,500	470,100	461,000	41,150	41,200	41,550
Total Unemployment	2,400	3,050	1,550	33,900	37,100	26,500	3,500	3,350	2,300
Percent Unemployed	5.0	6.3	3.3	7.2	7.9	5.7	8.5	8.1	5.5
Total Employment ^{2/}	45,250	45,450	45,750	436,600	433,000	434,500	37,650	37,850	39,250
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,050	50,700	49,300	70,700	70,950	73,000	83,500	82,900	83,800
Total Unemployment	4,850	5,350	4,000	4,600	5,350	3,300	4,900	4,850	3,500
Percent Unemployed	9.5	10.6	8.1	6.5	7.5	4.5	5.9	5.9	4.2
Total Employment ^{2/}	46,200	45,350	45,300	66,100	65,600	69,700	78,600	78,050	80,300
	WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS ^{3/}					
Total Civilian Labor Force	66,650	65,900	67,250				7,320.7	7,311.4	7,146.7
Total Unemployment	4,650	4,200	2,550				554.9	587.4	332.4
Percent Unemployed	7.0	6.4	3.8				7.6	8.0	4.7
Total Employment ^{2/}	62,000	61,700	64,700				6,765.8	6,724.0	6,814.3

^{1/} All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

^{2/} Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

^{3/} In thousands.

* Preliminary -- subject to revision.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Oct. 1982+	Weekly Sept. 1982	Earnings Oct. 1981	Average Oct. 1982+	Weekly Sept. 1982	Hours Oct. 1981	Average Oct. 1982+	Hourly Sept. 1982	Earnings Oct. 1981
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING--TOTAL	\$348.07	\$349.34	\$335.37	40.1	40.2	41.2	\$8.68	\$8.69	\$8.14
Durable Goods	348.07	346.87	339.07	40.1	40.1	41.3	8.68	8.65	8.21
Lumber & Wood Products	238.20	236.02	224.75	39.7	39.6	37.9	6.00	5.96	5.93
Furniture & Fixtures	282.22	289.84	209.66	45.3	46.9	38.4	6.23	6.18	5.46
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	337.82	332.69	310.57	42.6	41.9	41.8	7.93	7.94	7.43
Primary Metal Industries	380.06	393.58	423.28	36.3	37.2	40.7	10.47	10.58	10.40
Fabricated Metal Products	326.75	338.96	339.02	37.3	38.3	41.7	8.76	8.85	8.13
Machinery, Exc. Electric	360.26	358.16	365.50	40.8	40.7	43.0	8.83	8.80	8.50
Oil Field Machinery	454.76	440.99	455.17	42.7	41.8	45.7	10.65	10.55	9.96
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	364.00	362.39	316.40	40.4	40.4	40.0	9.01	8.97	7.91
Transportation Equipment	472.85	440.91	389.21	43.5	41.4	40.5	10.87	10.65	9.61
Aircraft & Parts	509.38	498.77	442.19	44.8	44.1	42.6	11.37	11.31	10.38
Instr. & Related Products	270.43	271.15	262.14	37.3	37.4	39.9	7.25	7.25	6.57
Misc. Mfg. Industries	261.13	270.18	245.22	37.9	39.1	40.6	6.89	6.91	6.04
Nondurable Goods	348.07	353.50	329.62	40.1	40.4	41.1	8.68	8.75	8.02
Food & Kindred Products	314.93	315.24	283.92	42.5	42.6	42.0	7.41	7.40	6.76
Meat Products	290.49	289.76	283.39	43.1	42.3	43.2	6.74	6.85	6.56
Malt Beverages	587.97	581.15	560.95	41.7	41.1	44.1	14.10	14.14	12.72
Textile Mill Products	257.99	247.08	241.38	44.1	42.6	42.2	5.85	5.80	5.72
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	167.08	169.45	165.17	35.1	35.9	37.2	4.76	4.72	4.44
Paper & Allied Products	357.11	363.60	367.79	41.0	40.9	44.1	8.71	8.89	8.34
Printing & Publishing	299.52	297.00	297.89	37.3	37.5	39.3	8.03	7.92	7.58
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	550.32	570.29	530.75	42.3	43.7	43.9	13.01	13.05	12.09
Petroleum & Coal Products	561.15	582.99	519.79	43.5	44.3	43.1	12.90	13.16	12.06
Petroleum Refining	585.95	606.87	542.07	43.5	44.2	43.4	13.47	13.73	12.49
Leather & Leather Products	157.97	154.75	175.26	33.9	31.2	38.1	4.66	4.96	4.60
Other Nondurable Goods	308.04	299.77	286.90	40.8	39.6	41.7	7.55	7.57	6.88
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	482.24	482.50	411.99	44.0	44.8	44.3	10.96	10.77	9.30
Oil & Gas Extraction	485.10	485.00	413.76	43.9	44.7	44.3	11.05	10.85	9.34
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	404.09	411.26	367.88	46.5	47.6	43.9	8.69	8.64	8.38
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	394.00	394.81	401.29	39.4	39.6	41.2	10.00	9.97	9.74
Elec., Gas & San. Svcs.	403.24	398.24	379.96	41.7	41.7	40.9	9.67	9.55	9.29
Wholesale & Retail Trade	222.40	224.76	213.56	33.8	33.9	34.5	6.58	6.63	6.19
Wholesale Trade	332.90	337.33	323.61	38.8	39.5	40.2	8.58	8.54	8.05
Retail Trade	178.72	180.12	168.73	31.8	31.6	32.2	5.62	5.70	5.24
General Mdse. Stores	158.12	158.71	150.16	29.5	29.5	29.5	5.36	5.38	5.09
Banking	229.97	228.46	204.95	37.7	37.7	37.4	6.10	6.06	5.48

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	\$333.60	\$327.92	\$316.71	40.0	39.7	40.5	\$8.34	\$8.26	\$7.82
Durable Goods	352.54	346.50	334.94	39.7	39.6	40.5	8.88	8.75	8.27
Nondurable Goods	296.06	291.27	278.47	40.5	39.9	40.3	7.31	7.30	6.91
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	431.59	434.92	433.84	41.3	41.5	44.0	10.45	10.48	9.86
Durable Goods	402.93	404.33	415.92	40.7	40.8	44.2	9.90	9.91	9.41
Nondurable Goods	480.11	489.63	468.46	42.3	42.8	43.7	11.35	11.44	10.72
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	240.15	245.50	245.40	37.7	38.6	40.9	6.37	6.36	6.00
Durable Goods	265.95	268.77	265.03	39.4	39.7	40.9	6.75	6.77	6.48
Nondurable Goods	216.24	223.50	224.81	36.1	37.5	40.8	5.99	5.96	5.51

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. †Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

tion and public utilities. Transportation by air decreased slightly, but transportation services absorbed most of the industry's decline. Electric services provided the only upward movement as it rose moderately to give the electric, gas, and sanitary services portion a small overall gain.

Trade industries lost a number of jobs over the month as the wholesale trade sector declined moderately. A portion of the loss in wholesale trade was offset by a very modest upswing in retail trade. Retail trade losses were heaviest in automotive dealers and service stations and in apparel and accessory stores. The losses were offset, however, by a significant gain in other retail trade, a collection of specialty stores. The other retail trade category has accounted for over 75 percent of the gain in retail trade during the past year.

Finance, insurance, and real estate was down moderately in employment with the loss occurring in the other finance, insurance, and real estate segment. Losses generally are evident in real estate after the summer season. Once the school term begins parents are less inclined to move if it means changing schools during the term. Services rose modestly on the strength of gains in the education services segment. The gains coincide with the start of the fall school term. Personal services advanced on gains in tax services, funeral services, and miscellaneous personal services. Losses were greatest in business and repair services and in amusement, including motion pictures. The end of the summer recreational season and a labor-management in professional sports led to the decline.

The number of manufacturing production workers dropped from 702,500 in September to 693,000 in October. The October 1981 level was 789,400 workers. The durable goods industries dropped from 398,700 to 389,600 over the month and the nondurable goods sector declined from 303,800 to 303,400 during the same period.

HOURS AND EARNINGS DECREASE SLIGHTLY

Average weekly hours (AWH) and average hourly earnings (AHE) both declined modestly from September to October for an average production worker in manufacturing. Weekly hours fell from 40.2 to 40.1 while AHE dropped by one cent from \$8.69 to \$8.68. The average weekly earnings fell from \$349.34 in September to \$348.07 in October.

FARM EMPLOYMENT RECORDS DECLINE

Statewide employment in agriculture turned downward from 182,000 in September to 179,350 in October.

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TEC ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1982	Oct. 1981
Total Population, Texas	15,322,500	14,877,300
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.3%	2.2%
UI Covered Employers	284,120	270,981
Total Claims Actions	732,946	243,894
Total Initial Claims Actions	90,300	43,001
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	642,646	200,893
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	\$ 125.63	\$ 100.21
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	\$ 73,354,573	\$ 15,155,765
Total Placements	31,800 °	47,035

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR TEXAS UNCHANGED

Statewide total employment and total unemployment climbed at about the same rate from mid-October to mid-November. Total employment rose 1.3 percent, or by 86,400 workers, while the number of unemployed went up 1.4 percent, or by 7,500 individuals. The result was no change over the month in the Texas actual unemployment rate of 7.6 percent.

The gains in employment and unemployment represent the flow of seasonal workers and jobseekers into the State's labor force. As the holiday shopping season begins, many will accept temporary seasonal work to help with expenses. Although unemployment is high within the State and for many workers who have recently been laid off, the season will be less than cheerful, retail trade merchants still added a sizeable number of workers in preparation for the shopping period.

Although the Texas unemployment rate was unchanged, it still bucked two trends. The seasonal trend of prior years has seen a slight rise in the rate from October to November and the trend in the National actual rate was upward from 9.9 percent in October to 10.4 percent in November. From this standpoint the unchanged rate was an encouraging sign. There also was a 39 percent drop in the number of people on temporary layoff in the State -- another good omen for the Texas economy.

The Statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also stood at 7.6 percent for November, but it was down somewhat from the 8.0 percent recorded in October. The seasonally adjusted rate for the United States was 10.9 percent, up from 10.4 percent the previous month.

Among the major metropolitan areas within the State, 13 reported decreased rates, 10 were up, and two were unchanged. Most of the movements were relatively minor and actually did not reflect much change from a month ago. Austin again posted the lowest unemployment rate among the major areas at 3.8 percent. Abilene and San Angelo both had rates of 4.5 percent to rank just behind Austin. Laredo had the highest rate at 24.2 percent and was followed by McAllen-Pharr-Edinburg at 19.6 percent.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (In Thousands)			
	Nov. 1982	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1981
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	110,855.0	110,767.0	109,178.0
Unemployment	11,476.0	10,942.0	8,676.0
Percent Unemployed	10.4	9.9	7.9
Total Employment	99,379.0	99,825.0	100,502.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	111,019.0	110,644.0	109,272.0
Unemployment	11,987.0	11,551.0	9,100.0
Percent Unemployed	10.8	10.4	8.3
Total Employment	99,032.0	99,093.0	100,172.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,414.6	7,320.7	7,200.5
Unemployment	562.4	554.9	402.0
Percent Unemployed	7.6	7.6	5.6
Total Employment	6,852.2	6,765.8	6,798.5
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,399.0	7,321.0	7,178.0
Unemployment	559.0	611.0	390.0
Percent Unemployed	7.6	8.3	5.4
Total Employment	6,840.0	6,710.0	6,788.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT^{1/}
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Nov. '82*	Oct. '82**	Nov. '81**	Nov. '82*	Oct. '82**	Nov. '81**	Nov. '82*	Oct. '82**	Nov. '81**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	58,950	58,900	60,850	81,700	81,700	78,400	259,900	258,750	261,700
Manufacturing	6,350	6,300	6,650	10,000	9,950	10,100	33,350	33,150	33,250
Mining	5,400	5,400	5,400	2,850	2,850	2,700	800	800	800
Construction	3,050	3,100	3,250	4,650	4,900	5,050	12,850	12,700	13,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,150	3,200	3,200	7,000	7,000	6,950	7,650	7,700	8,050
Trade	15,650	15,450	16,900	25,850	25,700	23,300	55,800	54,900	57,550
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,900	2,950	2,900	4,200	4,200	4,000	16,400	16,400	15,600
Services & Misc.	13,100	13,100	13,300	14,400	14,400	13,500	51,800	51,600	49,950
Government	9,350	9,400	9,250	12,750	12,700	12,800	81,250	81,500	83,100
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	144,400	144,550	155,800	58,750	58,800	64,850	42,700	42,600	42,800
Manufacturing	35,400	36,350	42,550	9,200	9,200	11,800	2,800	2,950	3,200
Mining	2,150	2,150	2,350	100	100	150	1,150	1,150	1,250
Construction	12,500	12,250	14,500	3,550	3,600	4,150	2,800	2,750	2,750
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,450	11,500	11,700	2,950	3,000	3,200	1,900	1,900	1,750
Trade	32,800	32,350	34,200	16,800	16,800	18,750	7,800	7,700	8,450
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,650	5,700	5,600	2,950	3,000	2,950	1,650	1,650	1,550
Services & Misc.	24,900	24,850	25,300	9,550	9,550	9,650	5,950	5,900	5,750
Government	19,550	19,400	19,600	13,650	13,550	14,200	18,650	18,600	18,100
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH ²			EL PASO		
TOTAL	130,500	130,850	133,900	1,553.1	1,555.6	1,533.1	160,250	160,450	169,900
Manufacturing	15,550	15,650	16,950	310.0	310.7	330.4	33,400	33,450	39,450
Mining	7,650	7,650	8,200	32.9	33.1	31.3	--	--	--
Construction	14,550	14,300	15,150	81.6	82.5	78.6	8,100	8,150	8,450
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,950	7,000	7,050	96.3	96.6	99.1	10,350	10,450	10,400
Trade	29,500	29,750	31,700	424.6	422.6	408.6	37,300	37,150	39,950
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,950	6,000	5,800	119.7	120.0	116.3	7,800	7,850	7,750
Services & Misc.	23,350	23,200	22,100	305.0	307.8	284.9	25,700	25,950	26,900
Government	27,000	27,300	26,950	183.0	182.3	183.9	37,600	37,450	37,000
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON ²			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	70,200	70,400	72,200	1,520.7	1,527.3	1,585.9	60,400	60,250	59,050
Manufacturing	11,400	11,600	12,300	235.3	237.7	266.4	7,550	7,650	8,150
Mining	850	800	850	90.7	91.3	103.7	--	--	--
Construction	4,700	4,350	5,400	139.3	140.9	150.4	3,750	3,750	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,450	6,600	7,050	105.7	105.9	108.8	3,450	3,450	3,400
Trade	13,200	13,250	13,650	370.8	371.2	383.9	13,000	12,850	13,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,700	4,650	4,600	97.4	97.7	94.0	2,200	2,150	2,200
Services & Misc.	9,750	10,050	10,450	305.6	307.8	308.5	11,350	11,350	10,600
Government	19,150	19,100	17,900	175.9	174.8	170.2	19,100	19,050	18,200

² In thousands.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT INCHES FORWARD

A very slight upturn was reported in total nonagricultural wage and salary employment from October to November. The upturn was due to gains posted in the retail trade sector. Seasonal hiring was responsible for the surge in employment as gains were posted in the retail categories of general merchandise stores, apparel and accessory stores, eating and drinking places, and other retail trade. The trade increase would have been even larger had the wholesale sector not taken a slight downturn. The wholesale sector has steadily dropped since last April due to declines associated with the ebbing domestic oil business.

Government employment also contributed to the gain in wage and salary employment as both administrative agencies and education facilities registered upturns on the State and local levels. Federal employment rose as the Post Office began seasonal hiring to handle the Christmas rush. Finance, insurance, and real estate climbed moderately over the month with the bulk of the increase occurring in the real estate segment. Lower interest rates have stimulated interest in residential sales.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT^{1/}
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Nov. '82*	Oct. '82**	Nov. '81**	Nov. '82*	Oct. '82**	Nov. '81**	Nov. '82*	Oct. '82**	Nov. '81**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	29,300	29,650	35,000	64,800	64,550	69,200	91,450	91,150	90,650
Manufacturing	1,800	1,800	2,250	16,250	16,250	19,100	11,000	11,000	12,000
Mining	1,300	1,300	1,550	4,400	4,450	4,900	400	400	400
Construction	1,100	1,150	1,450	4,100	4,000	4,250	5,000	4,950	3,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,950	2,950	3,850	3,750	3,600	3,900	4,850	4,850	4,950
Trade	8,700	8,800	12,150	14,950	14,950	15,750	28,300	28,150	27,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,350	1,400	1,300	2,600	2,600	2,450	5,200	5,150	4,900
Services & Misc.	4,900	4,950	4,950	10,700	10,750	10,750	16,250	16,250	17,100
Government	7,200	7,300	7,500	8,050	7,950	8,100	20,450	20,400	19,900
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	71,900	71,450	78,450	49,800	50,050	51,700	52,550	53,300	60,250
Manufacturing	8,250	8,000	10,550	3,900	3,950	4,800	6,900	7,100	9,300
Mining	1,550	1,450	1,750	13,400	13,450	13,850	7,500	7,450	9,600
Construction	5,100	5,150	5,250	3,800	3,900	3,500	4,800	5,200	5,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,650	2,750	2,750	2,900	2,950	2,850	2,550	2,550	2,800
Trade	21,000	21,050	25,550	10,550	10,600	11,600	14,250	14,500	17,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,000	3,050	2,800	3,250	3,250	2,800	2,200	2,150	1,950
Services & Misc.	9,100	9,100	9,550	7,600	7,600	7,650	7,550	7,600	8,050
Government	21,250	20,900	20,250	4,400	4,350	4,650	6,800	6,750	6,350
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	36,650	36,600	37,550	413,100	411,800	413,000	34,850	35,200	36,900
Manufacturing	5,350	5,550	6,150	48,400	48,300	52,500	11,350	11,600	12,750
Mining	500	500	850	3,400	3,400	3,400	350	350	350
Construction	2,150	2,150	2,200	27,500	27,300	26,700	1,250	1,250	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,800	3,850	3,700	19,000	18,900	19,200	2,500	2,500	2,500
Trade	9,300	9,100	9,350	103,500	103,000	103,800	7,200	7,250	7,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,550	1,500	28,300	28,200	27,400	1,250	1,250	1,250
Services & Misc.	7,700	7,650	7,200	86,200	86,600	85,000	6,100	6,150	6,200
Government	6,350	6,250	6,600	96,800	96,100	95,000	4,850	4,850	5,050
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
TOTAL	44,900	45,050	44,050	53,650	53,150	56,650	70,500	70,250	72,850
Manufacturing	8,400	8,550	8,400	11,450	11,350	13,050	15,300	15,300	16,700
Mining	150	150	150	2,900	3,050	3,800	--	--	--
Construction	2,000	1,950	1,650	2,750	2,650	2,650	2,900	2,850	3,050
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,600	2,550	2,700	3,500	3,500	3,450
Trade	10,600	10,600	10,500	13,250	12,750	13,850	17,150	17,100	17,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,550	2,850	2,800	2,700	4,250	4,150	4,350
Services & Misc.	7,150	7,200	7,250	10,600	10,750	10,650	15,650	15,600	16,050
Government	12,700	12,700	12,250	7,250	7,250	7,250	11,750	11,750	11,350
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	52,800	52,950	55,850						
Manufacturing	8,950	9,200	11,000						
Mining	3,400	3,450	4,000						
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,550						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,250	3,250	2,850						
Trade	12,550	12,350	13,350						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,450	2,400						
Services & Misc.	9,350	9,400	8,750						
Government	10,700	10,750	10,950						

^{1/} Estimates for Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, and San Antonio prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Dept. of Labor. Estimates for all other areas prepared by TEC under guidelines furnished by the U. S. Dept. of Labor.

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Manufacturing employment continued its downhill slide and its not a very pretty picture. The manufacturing industry category lost almost 10,000 jobs over the month and was down by almost 115,000 jobs over the year. The durable goods sector continued to absorb most of the declines and the story is much the same as has been told again and again in recent months. Nonelectrical machinery, especially oil field machinery, led in the decline, but was joined by almost every other durable goods industry.

The durable goods industries fared better, but only because the losses were smaller as only two industries posted gains. Printing and publishing advanced modestly as one large firm reported a substantial seasonal gain. Apparel and other textile products plunged as one plant closed and the majority of the remaining firms cut employment.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES[†]

INDUSTRY	Change From		Change From	
	Nov. 1982*	Oct. 1982**	Nov. 1981**	Oct. 1982
†TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,203,300	6,201,200	6,274,900	2,100
Manufacturing	1,002,300	1,012,200	1,117,200	- 9,900
Durable Goods	575,500	583,900	674,600	- 8,400
Lumber & Wood Products	35,900	36,200	34,300	- 300
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,100	7,200	7,500	- 100
Furniture & Fixtures	14,900	15,100	17,300	- 200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	45,600	45,400	45,800	200
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	20,500	20,400	19,700	100
Primary Metal Industries	38,000	38,400	51,300	- 400
Fabricated Metal Industries	88,000	89,900	103,300	- 1,900
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	47,100	48,000	55,600	- 900
Machinery, Except Electrical	150,900	154,900	201,300	- 4,000
Oil Field Machinery	49,700	52,200	86,000	- 2,500
Electric & Electronic Equipment	94,700	94,800	100,100	- 100
Transportation Equipment	70,700	71,400	82,100	- 700
Aircraft & Parts	36,200	36,100	38,900	100
Instruments & Related Products	23,900	24,800	25,500	- 900
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,900	13,000	13,600	- 100
Nondurable Goods	426,800	428,300	442,600	- 1,500
Food & Kindred Products	98,000	98,400	99,000	- 400
Meat Products	26,300	26,300	26,500	0
Dairy Products	4,800	4,900	4,800	- 100
Bakery Products	12,000	12,200	11,500	- 200
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,100	3,300	- 100
Textile Mill Products	5,200	5,300	5,500	- 100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	66,600	67,600	72,500	- 1,000
Paper & Allied Products	22,500	22,600	23,400	- 100
Printing & Publishing	66,600	66,300	66,400	300
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,000	34,600	33,800	400
Chemicals & Allied Products	82,700	83,000	84,100	- 300
Petroleum & Coal Products	44,900	45,000	46,700	- 100
Petroleum Refining	42,100	42,100	43,500	0
Leather & Leather Products	8,600	8,700	10,700	- 100
Other Nondurable Goods	31,700	31,400	34,300	300
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,201,000	5,189,000	5,157,700	12,000
Mining	279,400	281,700	304,200	- 2,300
Oil & Gas Extraction	270,000	272,000	293,700	- 2,000
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,400	9,700	10,500	- 300
Construction	437,000	437,900	441,000	- 900
Transportation & Public Utilities	382,000	382,700	391,300	- 700
Railroad Transportation	26,300	26,300	29,300	0
Transportation, Except Railroads	180,400	181,500	195,400	- 1,100
Transportation by Air	37,100	37,400	39,400	- 300
Communication, Exc. U.S. Postal Service	93,900	93,700	90,900	200
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	81,400	81,200	75,700	200
Electric Services	44,000	43,800	41,000	200
Gas Production & Distribution	32,900	32,900	30,300	0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,584,300	1,571,600	1,555,800	12,700
Wholesale Trade	442,600	443,300	451,500	- 700
Retail Trade	1,141,700	1,128,300	1,104,300	13,400
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	44,400	44,200	43,500	200
General Merchandise Stores	150,600	147,700	157,900	2,900
Food Stores	203,800	202,500	190,900	1,300
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	130,300	131,100	129,600	- 800
Apparel & Accessory Stores	36,800	84,300	86,400	2,500
Other Retail Trade	525,800	518,500	496,000	7,300
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	359,800	358,200	351,900	1,600
Banking	96,000	96,000	93,600	0
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	112,000	112,100	115,200	- 100
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	151,800	150,100	143,100	1,700
Services	1,133,200	1,136,800	1,110,000	- 3,600
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	61,400	61,900	66,400	- 500
Personal Services	70,800	70,100	67,400	700
Business & Repair Services	299,000	300,900	304,300	- 1,900
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	41,600	41,800	42,500	- 200
Health Services	328,500	329,500	313,000	- 1,000
Educational Services	65,300	64,700	58,400	600
Other Services & Miscellaneous	266,600	267,900	258,000	- 1,300
Total Government	1,025,300	1,020,100	1,003,500	5,200
Total Federal Government	169,600	168,800	165,800	800
Total State Government	224,100	223,400	216,400	700
Total Local Government	631,600	627,900	621,300	3,700

[†] Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. [‡] Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor. *Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES^{1/}
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Nov. '82*	Oct. '82**	Nov. '81**	Nov. '82*	Oct. '82**	Nov. '81**	Nov. '82*	Oct. '82**	Nov. '81**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,300	76,050	77,700	102,000	100,950	94,750	293,950	289,050	289,200
Total Unemployment	3,450	3,400	3,700	4,700	5,000	4,150	11,050	11,600	11,600
Percent Unemployed	4.5	4.5	4.8	4.6	5.0	4.4	3.8	4.0	4.0
Total Employment ^{2/}	73,850	72,650	74,000	97,300	95,950	90,600	282,900	277,450	277,600
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	181,350	179,000	179,350	85,300	83,900	87,200	51,450	50,450	49,600
Total Unemployment	22,400	21,700	12,250	12,750	12,450	9,350	2,700	2,600	1,900
Percent Unemployed	12.4	12.1	6.8	14.9	14.8	10.7	5.2	5.2	3.8
Total Employment ^{2/}	158,950	157,300	167,100	72,550	71,450	77,850	48,750	47,850	47,700
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH ^{3/}			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	163,500	161,400	157,100	1,763.0	1,743.8	1,687.4	189,900	188,800	190,400
Total Unemployment	13,100	12,650	9,650	100.0	101.8	83.8	22,250	22,750	17,150
Percent Unemployed	8.0	7.8	6.1	5.7	5.8	5.0	11.7	12.0	9.0
Total Employment ^{2/}	150,400	148,750	147,450	1,663.0	1,642.0	1,603.6	167,650	166,050	173,250
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON ^{3/}			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	93,200	91,750	89,650	1,749.4	1,729.3	1,714.2	71,600	70,300	68,250
Total Unemployment	11,000	10,400	6,600	143.8	138.9	80.0	3,950	3,750	3,750
Percent Unemployed	11.8	11.3	7.4	8.2	8.0	4.7	5.5	5.3	5.5
Total Employment ^{2/}	82,200	81,350	83,050	1,605.6	1,590.4	1,634.2	67,650	66,550	64,500
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	40,050	39,150	38,900	77,150	76,100	75,050	110,600	108,800	107,100
Total Unemployment	9,700	9,200	4,200	9,100	9,150	4,300	5,500	5,550	5,450
Percent Unemployed	24.2	23.5	10.8	11.8	12.0	5.7	5.0	5.1	5.1
Total Employment ^{2/}	30,350	29,950	34,700	68,050	66,950	70,750	105,100	103,250	101,650
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	110,550	106,000	107,350	62,050	61,400	66,200	67,900	67,750	74,450
Total Unemployment	21,650	20,950	15,100	2,900	2,800	6,600	4,700	4,500	3,450
Percent Unemployed	19.6	19.8	14.1	4.7	4.6	10.0	6.9	6.6	4.6
Total Employment ^{2/}	88,900	85,050	92,250	59,150	58,600	59,600	63,200	63,250	71,000
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,150	47,650	47,550	477,000	470,300	465,200	42,000	41,100	42,700
Total Unemployment	2,150	2,350	1,700	33,100	33,800	32,200	4,100	3,500	3,650
Percent Unemployed	4.5	4.9	3.6	6.9	7.2	6.9	9.8	8.5	8.5
Total Employment ^{2/}	46,000	45,300	45,850	443,900	436,500	433,000	37,900	37,600	39,050
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,550	51,100	49,150	72,500	70,700	76,550	84,400	83,550	84,350
Total Unemployment	4,950	4,850	4,650	4,600	4,550	7,050	4,300	4,900	3,800
Percent Unemployed	9.6	9.5	9.5	6.3	6.4	9.2	5.1	5.9	4.5
Total Employment ^{2/}	46,600	46,250	44,500	67,900	66,150	69,500	80,100	78,650	80,550
	WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS ^{3/}					
Total Civilian Labor Force	67,250	66,700	68,400				7,414.6	7,320.7	7,200.5
Total Unemployment	4,500	4,650	3,750				562.4	554.9	402.0
Percent Unemployed	6.7	7.0	5.5				7.6	7.6	5.6
Total Employment ^{2/}	62,750	62,050	64,650				6,852.2	6,765.8	6,798.5

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Nov. 1982±	Weekly Oct. 1982	Earnings Nov. 1981	Average Nov. 1982±	Weekly Oct. 1982	Hours Nov. 1981	Average Nov. 1982±	Hourly Oct. 1982	Earnings Nov. 1981
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING--TOTAL	\$353.57	\$347.73	\$339.06	40.5	40.2	41.5	\$8.73	\$8.65	\$8.17
Durable Goods	351.54	346.63	347.77	40.5	40.4	41.9	8.68	8.58	8.30
Lumber & Wood Products	239.01	241.00	226.18	38.3	39.9	38.4	6.16	6.04	5.89
Furniture & Fixtures	276.46	285.76	218.90	45.1	47.0	40.0	6.13	6.08	5.47
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	352.72	338.30	328.21	43.6	42.5	43.3	8.09	7.96	7.58
Primary Metal Industries	394.93	406.67	430.91	36.5	37.9	41.0	10.82	10.73	10.51
Fabricated Metal Products	338.96	334.52	345.27	38.3	38.1	41.8	8.85	8.78	8.26
Machinery, Exc. Electric	359.10	354.14	374.95	40.9	40.8	43.7	8.78	8.68	8.58
Oil Field Machinery	434.10	431.39	467.06	41.7	41.4	46.8	10.41	10.42	9.98
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	334.94	330.85	313.98	40.5	40.2	40.1	8.27	8.23	7.83
Transportation Equipment	490.18	473.49	404.33	44.2	43.4	41.3	11.09	10.91	9.79
Aircraft & Parts	534.31	507.49	465.59	44.9	44.4	43.8	11.90	11.43	10.63
Instr. & Related Products	280.50	275.28	267.33	37.4	37.2	40.2	7.50	7.40	6.65
Misc. Mfg. Industries	273.64	263.34	251.71	39.6	38.0	41.4	6.91	6.93	6.08
Nondurable Goods	355.59	349.20	327.98	40.5	40.0	41.1	8.78	8.73	7.98
Food & Kindred Products	314.49	313.41	285.69	42.1	41.9	42.2	7.47	7.48	6.77
Meat Products	285.95	290.11	284.49	43.0	43.3	43.7	6.65	6.70	6.51
Malt Beverages	616.07	602.93	579.39	43.6	42.4	45.3	14.13	14.22	12.79
Textile Mill Products	270.42	254.60	236.55	43.9	43.3	41.5	6.16	5.88	5.70
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	167.04	166.95	168.22	34.8	35.0	37.3	4.80	4.77	4.51
Paper & Allied Products	370.24	361.27	366.13	41.6	41.1	43.9	8.90	8.79	8.34
Printing & Publishing	312.80	301.13	297.83	39.1	37.5	39.5	8.00	8.03	7.54
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	552.93	548.14	510.84	42.5	42.1	43.0	13.01	13.02	11.88
Petroleum & Coal Products	566.75	562.44	516.17	43.9	43.6	42.8	12.91	12.90	12.06
Petroleum Refining	590.86	586.38	536.25	43.8	43.5	42.9	13.49	13.48	12.50
Leather & Leather Products	191.38	179.73	168.63	38.2	37.6	36.9	5.01	4.78	4.57
Other Nondurable Goods	334.78	311.08	298.90	41.9	40.4	42.7	7.99	7.70	7.00
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	481.78	479.16	413.81	44.2	44.0	44.4	10.90	10.89	9.32
Oil & Gas Extraction	484.87	482.68	413.76	44.2	44.0	44.3	10.97	10.97	9.34
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	408.83	396.52	386.06	46.3	46.0	45.2	8.83	8.62	8.54
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	392.82	393.79	393.02	39.4	39.3	39.9	9.97	10.02	9.85
Elec., Gas & San. Svcs.	403.91	404.49	407.81	41.3	41.7	40.7	9.78	9.70	10.02
Wholesale & Retail Trade	222.42	223.40	215.06	33.7	33.9	34.3	6.60	6.59	6.27
Wholesale Trade	334.77	337.12	324.37	39.2	39.2	39.8	8.54	8.60	8.15
Retail Trade	178.29	178.72	169.92	31.5	31.8	32.0	5.66	5.62	5.31
General Mdse. Stores	156.56	157.58	149.99	29.1	29.4	29.7	5.38	5.36	5.05
Banking	233.25	229.97	205.90	38.3	37.7	36.9	6.09	6.10	5.58
HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS									
DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	\$342.19	\$334.84	\$324.28	40.4	40.1	41.1	\$8.47	\$8.35	\$7.89
Durable Goods	362.00	354.12	344.84	40.0	39.7	41.2	9.05	8.92	8.37
Nondurable Goods	304.06	297.34	282.62	41.2	40.9	40.9	7.38	7.27	6.91
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	433.65	429.08	440.45	41.3	41.1	44.4	10.50	10.44	9.92
Durable Goods	403.97	400.14	427.05	40.6	40.5	45.0	9.95	9.88	9.49
Nondurable Goods	484.08	477.54	466.77	42.5	42.0	43.3	11.39	11.37	10.78
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	247.04	243.46	248.85	38.6	38.1	41.2	6.40	6.39	6.04
Durable Goods	274.59	268.77	272.95	40.5	39.7	41.8	6.78	6.77	6.53
Nondurable Goods	222.51	220.33	224.52	36.9	36.6	40.6	6.03	6.02	5.53

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Mining employment continued a recession of several month's duration as the State's oil and gas drilling operations sustained the largest decreases. Mining, other than oil and gas extraction, also recorded a moderate decline. Construction also dropped as a majority of firms in most phases of the industry reported reduced employment. The industry was still plagued by high interest rates, although they have recently declined somewhat, and unfavorable general economic conditions. A clouded economic outlook has led to postponed building plans for many businesses and individuals.

Trucking and warehousing suffered a sizeable downturn which led to an overall decline in transportation, communication, and public utilities. Actually some slight gains were posted in communication and in the electric services segment, but they were more than offset by losses in transportation.

Services reeled with losses in business and repair services, health services, hotels and other lodging places, amusements, and other services. Most of the decreases were small and widespread and some were seasonal - such as declines in amusements and in some membership organizations which sponsor athletic activities. The end of favorable outdoor weather conditions led to many of these cuts.

The total number of production workers in manufacturing decreased from 692,420 in October to 684,884 in November. Both the durable and nondurable sectors were down. Durable goods employment fell from 389,768 to 382,988 and nondurable goods dropped from 302,660 to 301,896.

HOURS AND EARNINGS SHOW IMPROVEMENT

The average hourly earnings (AHE) of a production worker in manufacturing were \$8.73 during November. During October the hourly earnings in Texas averaged \$8.65. Average Weekly Hours also rose slightly from 40.2 hours per week in October to 40.5 hours per week in November. The increases in earnings and hours worked pushed the average weekly earnings to \$353.57 during November.

AGRICULTURE EMPLOYMENT TAKES A DOWNTURN

Total employment in agricultural dropped from 179,350 to 173,150 over the month as activity began to wane after the peak growing season. Total seasonal employment was 41,650 in November compared to 47,400 a year ago. Seasonal employment in cotton activities and feed and grain activities were below the year ago levels, but the employment in vegetable activities was up modestly.

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TEC ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1982	Nov. 1981
Total Population, Texas	15,359,600	14,914,400
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.2%	0.6%
UI Covered Employers	285,292	270,968
Total Claims Actions	INA	264,790
Total Initial Claims Actions	INA	42,804
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	INA	221,986
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	INA	\$ 104.84
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	INA	\$ 15,812,799
Total Placements	29,900	39,800

* Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

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STATEWIDE EMPLOYMENT IMPROVES

An increase of 44,400 workers was recorded in Statewide total employment from mid-November to mid-December. The rise in employment was accompanied by a rather slight downturn of 8,800 in total unemployment. The small turn in employment was attributed to hiring by retail merchants for the holiday shopping season.

The actual unemployment rate for the State slid from 7.6 percent in November to 7.4 percent in December. With the number of unemployed persons at 553,600, December marked the seventh consecutive month that Statewide unemployment has exceeded a half million individuals.

Employment in Texas has climbed dramatically over the last two months in spite of the high level of unemployment. Total employment for December was a record high 6,896,600 workers, surpassing the previous record of 6,875,000 set in March of 1982, when the unemployment rate was only 5.7 percent. December's employment level was 130,800 workers above the October total, however, a large portion of these workers were seasonal hires and will likely be laid off following the end of the holiday season.

The National unemployment rate for December was 10.5 percent, up slightly from the November mark of 10.4 percent. December's seasonally adjusted rate for the United States was 10.8 percent. Texas posted a seasonally adjusted rate of 8.0 percent for December, up moderately from 7.6 percent in November.

Among the major metropolitan areas in the State, most experienced improved employment conditions due to seasonal hiring. A few areas, particularly those areas along the border with Mexico, reflected little or no increases in trade in spite of the Christmas shopping season. Retail trade has been on the decline in these areas due to the peso devaluation and the holiday season merely stalled the decreases in trade for these areas. Austin reported the lowest rate among the major areas at 4.0 percent. Close behind were Abilene at 4.1 percent, San Angelo at 4.2 percent, and Midland at 4.3 percent. Laredo registered the highest rate at 25.0 percent and was above McAllen-Pharr-Edinburg at 19.6 percent and Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito at 15.3 percent.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES (In Thousands)			
	Dec. 1982	Nov. 1982	Dec. 1981
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	110,477.0	110,855.0	108,574.0
Unemployment	11,628.0	11,476.0	9,013.0
Percent Unemployed	10.5	10.4	8.3
Total Employment	98,849.0	99,379.0	99,562.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	111,129.0	111,019.0	109,184.0
Unemployment	12,036.0	11,987.0	9,571.0
Percent Unemployed	10.8	10.8	8.8
Total Employment	99,093.0	99,032.0	99,613.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,450.2	7,414.6	7,127.5
Unemployment	553.6	562.4	324.9
Percent Unemployed	7.4	7.6	4.6
Total Employment	6,896.6	6,852.2	6,802.6
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,485.0	7,399.0	7,163.0
Unemployment	598.0	559.0	365.0
Percent Unemployed	8.0	7.6	5.1
Total Employment	6,887.0	6,840.0	6,798.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT^{1/}
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Dec. '82*	Nov. '82**	Dec. '81**	Dec. '82*	Nov. '82**	Dec. '81**	Dec. '82*	Nov. '82**	Dec. '81**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	59,300	58,950	60,800	82,300	81,700	79,150	262,500	259,900	262,200
Manufacturing	6,300	6,350	6,200	10,100	10,000	10,000	33,200	33,350	33,300
Mining	5,400	5,400	5,500	2,900	2,850	2,750	800	800	800
Construction	3,050	3,050	3,300	4,650	4,650	5,200	13,400	12,850	13,550
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,150	3,150	3,150	6,950	7,000	6,950	7,700	7,650	7,900
Trade	15,950	15,650	17,200	26,150	25,850	23,950	57,800	55,800	58,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,900	2,900	2,900	4,250	4,200	4,000	16,300	16,400	15,650
Services & Misc.	13,150	13,100	13,250	14,500	14,400	13,600	51,400	51,800	49,700
Government	9,400	9,350	9,300	12,800	12,750	12,700	81,900	81,250	83,000
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	143,850	144,400	155,400	58,350	58,750	65,500	42,500	42,700	43,050
Manufacturing	35,150	35,400	43,250	8,850	9,200	11,700	2,850	2,800	3,250
Mining	2,150	2,150	2,350	100	100	150	1,150	1,150	1,250
Construction	11,950	12,500	13,700	3,250	3,550	4,100	2,650	2,800	2,750
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,600	11,450	11,550	2,950	2,950	3,250	1,950	1,900	1,750
Trade	33,000	32,800	34,350	16,900	16,800	19,300	7,850	7,800	8,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,650	5,600	2,950	2,950	2,950	1,650	1,650	1,500
Services & Misc.	24,850	24,900	25,150	9,650	9,550	9,650	5,900	5,950	5,750
Government	19,550	19,550	19,450	13,700	13,650	14,400	18,500	18,650	18,300
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH ²			EL PASO		
TOTAL	129,500	130,500	134,150	1,555.3	1,553.1	1,540.5	160,300	160,600	170,200
Manufacturing	15,050	15,550	16,950	308.7	310.2	329.2	33,650	33,400	39,200
Mining	7,650	7,650	8,100	33.0	32.9	31.4	--	--	--
Construction	14,150	14,550	15,050	80.4	81.7	78.7	8,000	8,100	8,350
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,900	6,950	7,300	96.2	96.1	99.6	10,350	10,350	10,400
Trade	29,400	29,500	32,150	430.0	424.7	415.8	37,200	37,300	40,650
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,950	5,950	5,800	119.8	119.7	116.8	7,800	7,800	7,800
Services & Misc.	23,550	23,350	22,250	304.5	305.1	284.7	26,000	26,050	26,900
Government	27,150	27,000	26,550	182.7	182.7	184.3	37,300	37,600	36,900
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON ²			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	70,200	70,200	71,600	1,521.0	1,521.0	1,598.1	60,300	60,400	59,350
Manufacturing	11,300	11,400	12,400	233.1	234.6	267.6	7,500	7,550	8,150
Mining	850	850	850	91.0	91.0	104.8	--	--	--
Construction	4,600	4,700	4,950	138.4	139.6	148.8	3,550	3,750	3,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,450	6,450	6,900	105.0	105.7	110.8	3,450	3,450	3,400
Trade	13,400	13,200	13,850	375.1	371.2	391.8	13,150	13,000	13,350
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,650	4,700	4,600	97.6	97.4	94.4	2,200	2,200	2,250
Services & Misc.	9,750	9,750	10,150	305.6	305.6	309.5	11,300	11,350	10,550
Government	19,200	19,150	17,900	175.2	175.9	170.4	19,150	19,100	18,150

² In thousands.

Wage and Salary Employment Records Modest Gain

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose by only 3,800 jobs from November to December as the only significant increase occurred in retail trade. Seasonal hiring led to a gain of 20,800 jobs in the retail trade sector as merchants increased their staffs to handle Christmas shoppers. Trade as a whole rose by 17,400 jobs as a decline of 3,400 was absorbed in the wholesale sector. Oilfield equipment and supplies were chiefly responsible for the drop at the wholesale level, although a number of other industries experienced small declines in the wholesale sector.

Manufacturing continued its vanishing act as another 2,700 jobs were lost over the month. The durable goods sector was responsible for all the losses as decreases were small and widespread throughout the sector. The largest decline among the durable goods industries occurred in fabricated metals and was primarily due to a labor-management dispute. Non-electrical machinery declined slightly with the oilfield machinery sector continuing to falter. The oilfield machinery category was down over 40 percent in employment from the year ago level.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT^{1/}
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Dec. '82*	Nov. '82**	Dec. '81**	Dec. '82*	Nov. '82**	Dec. '81**	Dec. '82*	Nov. '82**	Dec. '81**
Industry	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	29,350	29,300	35,150	64,900	64,800	69,400	91,150	91,450	91,350
Manufacturing	1,850	1,800	2,250	16,250	16,250	19,150	11,000	11,000	11,850
Mining	1,300	1,300	1,550	4,350	4,400	4,950	400	400	400
Construction	1,050	1,100	1,500	3,950	4,100	4,100	4,600	5,000	3,850
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,950	2,950	3,850	3,700	3,750	3,850	4,900	4,850	5,250
Trade	8,700	8,700	12,300	15,350	14,950	16,000	28,400	28,300	28,250
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,350	1,300	2,600	2,600	2,450	5,250	5,200	4,950
Services & Misc.	4,900	4,900	4,900	10,650	10,700	10,800	16,200	16,250	17,050
Government	7,200	7,200	7,500	8,050	8,050	8,100	20,400	20,450	19,750
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	72,450	71,900	79,800	49,750	49,800	52,200	51,650	52,550	60,300
Manufacturing	8,550	8,250	10,650	3,850	3,900	4,750	6,700	6,900	9,550
Mining	1,650	1,550	1,850	13,200	13,400	14,000	7,450	7,500	9,600
Construction	4,950	5,100	5,200	3,650	3,800	3,550	4,350	4,800	5,250
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,650	2,650	2,750	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,500	2,550	2,750
Trade	21,150	21,000	26,550	10,850	10,550	11,850	14,300	14,250	16,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,050	3,000	2,800	3,250	3,250	2,850	2,200	2,200	1,950
Services & Misc.	9,100	9,100	9,650	7,650	7,600	7,700	7,300	7,550	8,150
Government	21,350	21,250	20,350	4,400	4,400	4,600	6,850	6,800	6,350
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	36,650	36,650	37,950	413,900	413,300	414,800	34,650	34,800	36,550
Manufacturing	5,350	5,350	6,150	48,300	48,300	52,100	11,150	11,350	12,300
Mining	500	500	850	3,400	3,400	3,500	350	350	350
Construction	2,100	2,150	2,200	27,100	27,500	26,300	1,250	1,250	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,750	3,800	3,800	19,000	18,900	19,300	2,500	2,500	2,500
Trade	9,500	9,300	9,600	104,500	103,600	105,800	7,150	7,200	7,450
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,500	28,200	28,300	27,600	1,250	1,250	1,250
Services & Misc.	7,650	7,700	7,250	86,500	86,400	85,100	6,100	6,050	6,250
Government	6,300	6,350	6,600	96,900	96,900	95,100	4,900	4,850	5,050
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
TOTAL	45,100	44,900	44,050	54,000	53,650	56,700	70,150	70,650	72,700
Manufacturing	8,500	8,400	8,250	11,400	11,450	13,000	14,550	15,300	16,500
Mining	150	150	100	3,000	2,900	3,650	--	--	--
Construction	2,000	2,000	1,650	2,700	2,750	2,650	2,850	2,900	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,650	2,600	2,650	3,500	3,500	3,450
Trade	10,950	10,600	10,750	13,350	13,250	14,000	17,600	17,150	18,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,550	2,850	2,850	2,700	4,300	4,250	4,350
Services & Misc.	7,100	7,150	7,250	10,700	10,600	10,700	15,600	15,800	16,000
Government	12,500	12,700	12,200	7,350	7,250	7,350	11,750	11,750	11,300
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	52,750	52,800	56,000						
Manufacturing	8,900	8,950	10,900						
Mining	3,350	3,400	4,000						
Construction	2,000	2,100	2,550						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,250	3,250	2,900						
Trade	12,850	12,550	13,550						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400						
Services & Misc.	9,250	9,350	8,750						
Government	10,650	10,700	10,950						

^{1/} Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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Nondurable goods rose by only 700 jobs as most of the industries were able to maintain their employment levels or show a small gain. The largest gain was 500 jobs in the rubber and miscellaneous plastics products segment of other nondurable goods.

Nonmanufacturing employment was highlighted by the gain in retail trade. Smaller increases were posted in mining, up 800, and in finance, insurance, and real estate, which rose by 1,000 jobs. Real estate accounted for all of the upturn in finance, insurance, and real estate as lower interest rates sparked activity.

Construction suffered from periods of inclement weather to record a sizeable decline in employment. A very slight reduction in transportation caused the transportation, communication, and public utilities category to take a very mild downturn.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES[†]

INDUSTRY	Change From				
	Dec. 1982*	Nov. 1982**	Dec. 1981**	Nov. 1982	Dec. 1981
†TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,202,100	6,198,300	6,299,000	3,800	- 96,900
Manufacturing	1,002,400	1,005,100	1,113,400	- 2,700	-111,000
Durable Goods	574,800	578,200	672,700	- 3,400	- 97,900
Lumber & Wood Products	36,100	36,000	33,700	100	2,400
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,200	7,100	7,400	100	- 200
Furniture & Fixtures	14,700	15,000	17,300	- 300	- 2,600
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	45,300	45,400	45,400	- 100	- 100
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	20,400	20,400	19,800	0	600
Primary Metal Industries	37,600	38,000	51,300	- 400	- 13,700
Fabricated Metal Industries	87,200	88,200	103,600	- 1,000	- 16,400
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	46,700	47,200	55,600	- 500	- 8,900
Machinery, Except Electrical	151,600	152,300	200,700	- 700	- 49,100
Oil Field Machinery	49,500	49,900	86,700	- 400	- 37,200
Electric & Electronic Equipment	94,800	95,600	99,700	- 800	- 4,900
Transportation Equipment	70,800	70,700	81,900	100	- 11,100
Aircraft & Parts	36,400	36,200	39,000	200	- 2,600
Instruments & Related Products	23,700	23,900	25,900	- 200	- 2,200
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,000	13,100	13,200	- 100	- 200
Nondurable Goods	427,600	426,900	440,700	700	- 13,100
Food & Kindred Products	98,500	98,500	98,700	0	- 200
Meat Products	26,700	26,900	26,400	- 200	300
Dairy Products	4,800	4,800	4,700	0	100
Bakery Products	11,800	11,800	11,600	0	200
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,000	3,200	0	- 200
Textile Mill Products	5,300	5,200	5,500	100	- 200
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	66,500	66,500	71,500	0	- 5,000
Paper & Allied Products	22,700	22,500	23,100	100	- 400
Printing & Publishing	66,200	66,400	66,200	- 200	0
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	34,700	34,900	33,600	- 200	1,100
Chemicals & Allied Products	82,900	82,600	84,300	300	- 1,400
Petroleum & Coal Products	44,900	44,900	46,800	0	- 1,900
Petroleum Refining	42,100	42,100	43,700	0	- 1,600
Leather & Leather Products	8,600	8,700	10,800	- 100	- 2,200
Other Nondurable Goods	32,000	31,500	33,800	500	- 1,800
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,199,700	5,193,200	5,185,600	6,500	14,100
Mining	280,600	279,800	308,000	800	- 27,400
Oil & Gas Extraction	271,200	270,400	297,600	800	- 26,400
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnr'ls., Exc. Fuel	9,400	9,400	10,400	0	- 1,000
Construction	425,100	435,000	438,900	- 9,900	- 13,800
Transportation & Public Utilities	380,400	380,800	390,500	- 400	- 10,100
Railroad Transportation	25,700	25,800	29,300	- 100	- 3,600
Transportation, Except Railroads	179,400	179,800	194,000	- 400	- 14,600
Transportation by Air	37,400	37,100	39,300	300	- 1,900
Communication, Exc. U.S. Postal Service	93,700	93,600	91,000	100	2,700
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	81,600	81,600	76,200	0	5,400
Electric Services	44,200	44,100	41,200	100	3,000
Gas Production & Distribution	33,100	33,000	30,600	100	2,500
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,596,100	1,578,700	1,583,500	17,400	12,600
Wholesale Trade	437,800	441,200	453,200	- 3,400	- 15,400
Retail Trade	1,158,300	1,137,500	1,130,300	20,800	28,000
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	44,200	44,200	44,000	0	200
General Merchandise Stores	155,500	149,800	166,400	5,700	- 10,900
Food Stores	205,300	204,400	191,900	900	13,400
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	129,500	129,300	129,300	200	200
Apparel & Accessory Stores	93,100	87,500	93,700	5,600	- 600
Other Retail Trade	530,700	522,300	505,000	8,400	25,700
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	360,600	359,600	353,100	1,000	7,500
Banking	96,300	96,000	94,100	300	2,200
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	111,800	112,000	114,900	- 200	- 3,100
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	152,500	151,600	144,100	900	8,400
Services	1,132,000	1,133,500	1,107,200	- 1,500	24,800
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	60,900	61,200	65,500	- 300	- 4,600
Personal Services	69,600	70,100	67,000	- 500	2,600
Business & Repair Services	299,700	298,900	305,500	800	- 5,800
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	42,200	41,400	42,600	800	- 400
Health Services	328,100	329,000	312,400	- 900	15,700
Educational Services	64,700	65,800	57,000	- 1,100	7,700
Other Services & Miscellaneous	266,800	267,100	257,200	- 300	9,600
Total Government	1,024,900	1,025,800	1,004,400	- 900	20,500
Total Federal Government	170,700	169,900	165,700	800	5,000
Total State Government	224,300	224,600	217,300	- 300	7,000
Total Local Government	629,900	631,300	621,400	- 1,400	8,500

[†] Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. [‡] Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor. *Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES^{1/}
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Dec. '82*	Nov. '82**	Dec. '81**	Dec. '82*	Nov. '82**	Dec. '81**	Dec. '82*	Nov. '82**	Dec. '81**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,850	77,300	77,700	104,000	101,950	95,000	299,350	293,800	286,150
Total Unemployment	3,200	3,450	3,700	5,550	4,650	4,100	12,000	10,950	9,350
Percent Unemployed	4.1	4.5	4.8	5.3	4.6	4.3	4.0	3.7	3.3
Total Employment ^{2/}	74,650	73,850	74,000	98,450	97,300	90,900	287,350	282,850	276,800
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	183,100	181,300	175,300	85,850	85,250	86,050	51,150	51,400	49,150
Total Unemployment	23,800	22,400	9,400	13,150	12,700	7,400	2,350	2,650	1,500
Percent Unemployed	13.0	12.4	5.4	15.3	14.9	8.6	4.6	5.2	3.1
Total Employment ^{2/}	159,300	158,900	165,900	72,700	72,550	78,650	48,800	48,750	47,650
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH ^{3/}			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	163,900	163,450	154,050	1,768.3	1,762.3	1,670.4	190,900	190,350	186,400
Total Unemployment	13,600	13,100	7,850	92.3	99.5	65.6	21,900	22,400	13,450
Percent Unemployed	8.3	8.0	5.1	5.2	5.6	3.9	11.5	11.8	7.2
Total Employment ^{2/}	150,300	150,350	146,200	1,676.0	1,662.8	1,604.8	169,000	167,950	172,950
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON ^{3/}			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	94,000	95,150	87,700	1,758.8	1,750.8	1,707.3	71,550	71,650	67,400
Total Unemployment	11,350	10,950	5,600	142.3	145.0	67.0	3,650	4,000	2,900
Percent Unemployed	12.1	11.8	6.4	8.1	8.3	3.9	5.1	5.6	4.3
Total Employment ^{2/}	82,650	82,200	82,100	1,616.5	1,605.8	1,640.3	67,900	67,650	64,500
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	40,350	40,100	38,150	77,550	77,150	74,350	111,050	110,600	106,750
Total Unemployment	10,100	9,750	3,500	9,000	9,100	3,650	5,000	5,500	3,800
Percent Unemployed	25.0	24.3	9.2	11.6	11.8	4.9	4.5	5.0	3.6
Total Employment ^{2/}	30,250	30,350	34,650	68,550	68,050	70,700	106,050	105,100	102,950
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	111,150	110,450	107,600	62,150	62,050	62,050	67,350	67,900	74,200
Total Unemployment	21,750	21,550	13,350	2,700	2,900	2,050	4,800	4,700	3,050
Percent Unemployed	19.6	19.5	12.4	4.3	4.7	3.3	7.1	6.9	4.1
Total Employment ^{2/}	89,400	88,900	94,250	59,450	59,150	60,000	62,550	63,200	71,150
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,450	48,100	48,500	477,600	477,100	457,250	41,600	42,000	41,800
Total Unemployment	2,050	2,100	2,350	30,100	33,000	24,150	3,800	4,100	3,200
Percent Unemployed	4.2	4.4	4.8	6.3	6.9	5.3	9.1	9.8	7.7
Total Employment ^{2/}	46,400	46,000	46,150	447,500	444,100	433,100	37,800	37,900	38,600
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,650	51,550	48,550	73,450	72,450	74,850	85,300	84,350	83,100
Total Unemployment	4,800	4,950	3,950	4,450	4,600	5,400	5,200	4,250	3,000
Percent Unemployed	9.3	9.6	8.1	6.1	6.3	7.2	6.1	5.0	3.6
Total Employment ^{2/}	46,850	46,600	44,600	69,000	67,850	69,450	80,100	80,100	80,100
	WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS ^{3/}					
Total Civilian Labor Force	67,500	67,300	67,050				7,450.2	7,414.6	7,127.5
Total Unemployment	4,500	4,550	2,550				553.6	562.4	324.9
Percent Unemployed	6.7	6.8	3.8				7.4	7.6	4.6
Total Employment ^{2/}	63,000	62,750	64,500				6,896.6	6,852.2	6,802.6

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 1982±	Nov. 1982	Dec. 1981	Dec. 1982±	Nov. 1982	Dec. 1981	Dec. 1982±	Nov. 1982	Dec. 1981
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING--TOTAL	\$355.83	\$351.48	\$344.45	40.9	40.4	41.6	\$8.70	\$8.70	\$8.28
Durable Goods	353.42	349.06	355.75	41.0	40.4	42.2	8.62	8.64	8.43
Lumber & Wood Products	244.21	239.34	226.42	40.1	39.3	37.8	6.09	6.09	5.99
Furniture & Fixtures	280.97	277.47	221.50	45.1	46.4	40.2	6.23	5.98	5.51
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	354.12	346.52	320.78	44.1	43.1	42.6	8.03	8.04	7.53
Primary Metal Industries	374.25	386.13	423.05	36.3	36.6	40.6	10.31	10.55	10.42
Fabricated Metal Products	353.12	342.99	354.06	39.9	38.8	42.1	8.85	8.84	8.41
Machinery, Exc. Electric	359.68	353.97	393.34	41.2	40.5	44.8	8.73	8.74	8.78
Oil Field Machinery	446.45	431.39	490.34	42.6	41.4	48.5	10.48	10.42	10.11
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	337.71	335.27	315.22	40.3	40.2	39.7	8.38	8.34	7.94
Transportation Equipment	488.17	487.52	427.28	44.5	44.0	42.6	10.97	11.08	10.03
Aircraft & Parts	515.09	524.21	481.60	44.1	44.5	44.8	11.68	11.78	10.75
Instr. & Related Products	304.18	284.63	266.26	39.3	37.6	39.8	7.74	7.57	6.69
Misc. Mfg. Industries	261.12	264.88	257.49	38.8	38.5	41.8	6.73	6.88	6.16
Nondurable Goods	358.16	353.43	326.83	40.7	40.3	40.6	8.80	8.77	8.05
Food & Kindred Products	311.64	306.03	284.18	42.0	41.3	42.1	7.42	7.41	6.75
Meat Products	261.87	267.73	262.67	40.6	41.0	41.3	6.45	6.53	6.36
Malt Beverages	626.84	616.07	618.53	43.5	43.6	47.8	14.41	14.13	12.94
Textile Mill Products	278.92	267.88	240.77	45.5	43.7	41.8	6.13	6.13	5.76
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	172.91	169.44	165.70	35.8	35.3	36.1	4.83	4.80	4.59
Paper & Allied Products	388.72	376.37	339.46	43.0	42.1	41.6	9.04	8.94	8.16
Printing & Publishing	323.95	310.79	295.50	39.7	38.8	39.4	8.16	8.01	7.50
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	546.49	554.23	515.39	42.2	42.6	42.7	12.95	13.01	12.07
Petroleum & Coal Products	576.40	566.75	517.37	43.7	43.9	42.9	13.19	12.91	12.06
Petroleum Refining	600.81	590.42	537.07	43.6	43.8	43.0	13.78	13.48	12.49
Leather & Leather Products	176.41	187.34	174.10	36.6	38.0	37.2	4.82	4.93	4.68
Other Nondurable Goods	336.76	325.54	296.52	42.2	41.0	42.3	7.98	7.94	7.01
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	439.97	476.98	428.09	40.7	43.6	45.3	10.81	10.94	9.45
Oil & Gas Extraction	442.54	479.81	429.44	40.6	43.5	45.3	10.90	11.03	9.48
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	369.12	389.76	382.79	44.1	46.4	45.3	8.37	8.40	8.45
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	395.78	391.93	383.91	38.5	38.5	40.2	10.28	10.18	9.55
Elec., Gas & San. Svcs.	407.79	403.35	392.64	41.4	41.2	40.9	9.85	9.79	9.60
Wholesale & Retail Trade	225.94	224.06	218.20	34.6	34.0	34.8	6.53	6.59	6.27
Wholesale Trade	340.56	337.98	330.07	39.6	39.3	40.4	8.60	8.60	8.17
Retail Trade	182.47	179.60	172.90	32.7	31.9	32.5	5.58	5.63	5.32
General Mdse. Stores	171.22	155.93	155.86	32.8	29.2	30.5	5.22	5.34	5.11
Banking	231.04	229.45	209.76	38.0	37.8	38.0	6.08	6.07	5.52

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	\$348.55	\$342.63	\$330.03	41.2	40.5	41.1	\$8.46	\$8.46	\$8.03
Durable Goods	367.52	362.50	352.29	40.7	40.1	41.3	9.03	9.04	8.53
Nondurable Goods	309.54	304.29	285.60	42.0	41.4	40.8	7.37	7.35	7.00
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	446.90	439.32	445.21	42.4	42.0	44.7	10.54	10.46	9.96
Durable Goods	417.00	411.42	435.39	41.7	41.6	45.4	10.00	9.89	9.59
Nondurable Goods	498.18	485.21	463.51	43.7	42.6	43.4	11.40	11.39	10.68
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	259.94	252.45	249.64	40.3	39.2	41.4	6.45	6.44	6.03
Durable Goods	283.71	280.98	274.26	41.6	41.2	42.0	6.82	6.82	6.53
Nondurable Goods	238.51	227.02	226.59	39.1	37.4	40.9	6.10	6.07	5.54

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Government declined with moderate losses in State and local educational facilities between semesters.

Services was filled with industries moving in opposite directions and ended up posting a loss of 1,500 jobs. Most of the changes were seasonal in nature, although a decline in health services was concentrated in the hospital sector and was spread among many employers.

Manufacturing Hours Increase, Earnings Constant

An average production worker in manufacturing worked a 40.9 hour week during December and earned \$8.70 per hour. In November the average worker toiled 40.4 hours at \$8.70 per hour. The average weekly wage was \$355.83 for December, up moderately from \$351.48 in November. The total number of production workers in Texas slipped from 686,600 in November to 685,000 for December. In December 1981 there were 785,800 manufacturing production workers in the State.

Several manufacturing industries were able to post gains in both average weekly hours and average hourly earnings. Overtime worked led to increased hours and earnings in instruments and related products and in paper and allied products. Malt beverages also benefitted from overtime worked, although a shortened work week at one large firm lowered the average hours worked.

The settlement of a labor-management dispute led to a large gain in hourly earnings in petroleum refining. A wage rate increase caused earnings to advance in printing and publishing, while general merchandise stores enjoyed a substantial gain in hours worked and a moderate upturn in hourly earnings.

National Unemployment Rate to Include Military

Beginning with the release of January 1983 data, the National labor force and employment series will include data for military personnel based in the United States. State and local labor force statistics will, however, continue to exclude data for the military. The National series will represent information in addition to the current labor force series. It is anticipated that the inclusion of the resident military will cause the new series' National unemployment rate to be one to two tenths of a percent below the concurrent civilian unemployment rate. We will continue to publish the civilian labor force series in this newsletter. Information on the new series will not be included in this newsletter, but will be available on request.

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	Dec. 1982	Dec. 1981
Total Population, Texas	15,433,800	14,951,500
% UI Covered Unemployment	3.0	1.2
UI Covered Employers	287,807	272,474
Total Claims Actions	959,656	379,242
Total Initial Claims Actions	92,734	54,634
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	866,922	324,608
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	\$130.70	\$108.03
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	\$104,004,234	\$22,940,885
Total Placements	28,838	30,936

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.